

OUR 2011 LUMINARIES *and* OUR HOSTS

Jay Morton & Mike Phillips hosting WNPR's Two-Time Peabody Award Winning Faith Middleton & Fern Berman of Fern Berman Communications

Jay Morton is a retired real estate broker working on a book about his experiences owning a chateau in the south of France. He serves as the governor's representative to the Board of Trustees of the Wadsworth Atheneum. Mike Phillips is Head of Innovation for National Accounts at Aetna, and his main responsibility is keeping Jay Morton in line.

Now in her 29th year as host and executive producer of WNPR's *Faith Middleton Show*, Faith is a two-time recipient of the Peabody Award, as well as the Mark Twain Award, and the Distinguished Public Service Award of The Connecticut Bar Association. The woman who can talk to anyone about anything confesses to a passion for crispy bacon, salty chocolate-covered pretzels, and anything involving Sophia Loren. Fern Berman Communications is a celebrated public relations company providing undivided personal attention to a small group of elite clients. Fern has been instrumental in numerous volunteer campaigns and has served on the boards of The American Institute of Wine & Food and Love Makes a Family. She has also been known to stop the car without notice when she sees a scene she would like to photograph, and she is begging Faith to agree to a chocolate brown miniature poodle from Paris.

Philippa Feigen Malkin & Jonathan Malkin hosting Robert Couturier & Jeffrey Morgan

Second only to Philippa and their children, Jonathan Malkin loves the outdoors. He is an avid student of science and natural history, and his professional life revolves around biotechnology, agribusiness, forestry, biofuels and clean technologies. Philippa has studied and worked in art and architectural history for most of her life; a savvy entrepreneurial streak led her to launch Waterleaf, a company developing personal care and home furnishing products based on the soothing and medicinal properties of tea. They share a passion for books, learning, travel, foreign cultures, cuisines and diverse experiences.

Paris native Robert Couturier's grand-scale design and décor projects span continents, commissioned by a Who's Who of the international power elite. His eminently livable creations are grounded in classical training and spiced with his own inimitable wit: he loves baroque music as well as Eminem. He acknowledges that he would not be able to live without sugar and has far too many suits. "The furthest job I have is Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea, but I am happiest in our house with Jeffrey and our Shi Tzus." Jeffrey Morgan is an architectural historian and self-professed vigilante preservationist.

Susan & Lawrence Kessler hosting Chef Wayne Nish

Susan Kessler is the co-editor of the *London Restaurant Survey*, which she launched in 1996. She was a correspondent for the James Beard Foundation newsletter, an editor of *New Woman* magazine and authored *The New Woman Fast and Fabulous Menu Cookbook*. Following a distinguished law career with Investcorp International and the global media group News Corporation, Larry now advises public and private companies operating in the financial sector. Although regarded at home as dead boring, having no friends, and liking animals better than people, he does love food and is credited with teaching Susan to make an omelet when they got married. The proof is in the pudding.

Twenty years, 20 stars. Chef Wayne Nish has the distinct honor of a total of 20 stars bestowed upon him by *New York Times* restaurant critics over the past 20 years and on June 4th he will make magic in the Kessler's kitchen. A pivotal figure in the fusion cooking movement applying exotic ingredients to classic techniques and embracing European, Asian, Middle Eastern and Indo-Pak food cultures, Chef Nish is a veteran of The Quilted Giraffe, La Colombe d'Or, his own Michelin-starred March, and the eponymous Nish. Following a stint in Singapore, Nish has returned to New York City and is currently working on a variety of projects including three American gastropubs, a Japanese restaurant concept and an Asian street food concept.

Candace Bushnell & Carolyn Klemm

Veteran party girls and long-time chums, Candace and Carolyn will welcome lucky guests to Candace's pool house in Roxbury for an evening of effervescent laughter, scintillating scuttlebutt and wicked wit. With over twenty-five years of experience in Litchfield County real estate, Carolyn Klemm knows every property and almost every resident in the twenty-six villages and towns throughout the area. Born in London, she grew up in Scarsdale, becoming a buyer and fashion designer at Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Bergdorf Goodman and

managing a dozen boutiques from New York to Chicago. Candace, a Connecticut native, is more closely identified with New York City as the author of *Sex and the City* and six successive novels tapping into the zeitgeist of any New York minute. A winner of the 2006 Matrix Awards, and a recipient of the Albert Einstein Spirit of Achievement Award, Candace's work has influenced and defined two generations of women. Her next book, *Summer and the City*, will be in bookstores in April 2011. She is currently at work on *The Two Mrs. Stones*, which will be in bookstores in April 2012.

Joan & Jeffrey Barist hosting Annie Kelly & Tim Street-Porter

Joan Barist is a New York art dealer specializing in Pre-Columbian, African and Oceanic sculpture and textiles. Jeffrey Barist retired as Chairman of the Litigation Department of Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy in 2010 and now serves as an independent arbitrator. Among several areas of legal specialization, Jeffrey was for many years counsel to a major New York art museum, arguing successfully the appellate case establishing the rule for when the statute of limitations commences for stolen art works. He is a student of art history and, with Joan, a collector with a deep knowledge and experience of how art is collected, sold and exhibited.

The *Los Angeles Times* called Tim Street-Porter "one of LA's coolest people." Twice. It is a mutual affair: British-born Tim fell in love with the luscious quality of Los Angeles' natural light in the early 1970s. His work in commercial, residential, architectural and portrait photography captures international awards. Decorator and design journalist Annie Kelly is Tim's artistic collaborator as well as wife, and together they are the authors of five inspirational design books including *Litchfield Style: Classic Country Houses of Connecticut*. Annie was a contributing editor of *House & Garden* and her projects have been published in many design magazines; her renovation of Frank Lloyd Wright's La Miniatura in Pasadena was featured as a cover story in *Architectural Digest*.

Marlene & Norman Brachfeld hosting Ann Hodgman & David Owen

Marlene and Norman Brachfeld were both Washington residents, but led very different lives; their paths never crossed. Norman is a retired cardiologist who had an extraordinary career in medicine beginning as a young physician on the Navajo-Pueblo Indian Reservation in Arizona. He developed clinics in underserved countries including Cuba, China, Namibia and five Republics of the Soviet Union, and he has also been a physician to world famous figures. A confirmed bachelor, he moved to Washington in 1998. Marlene, on the other hand, was married with 3 grown children and several grandchildren and was a founding partner of a prosperous global executive search firm. She remains an active partner with clients in Fortune 100 companies. After Marlene's husband died in a tragic automobile accident, a mutual friend introduced the two and the rest is history. Norman is now a grandfather to 7 terrific grandchildren.

Ann Hodgman is the author of over forty children's books, self-help books (*I Saw Mommy Kicking Santa Claus*) and numerous cookbooks (*One Bite Won't Kill You*). She is a regular contributor to *Slashfood.com*, the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times Book Review*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *Smithsonian*, and just about every women's and parenting magazine. Her essay on taste-testing dog food, "No Wonder They Call Me a Bitch," was included in *The Best American Essays*. In college she was an editor of the *Harvard Lampoon* where she met future husband David Owen. David has been a staff writer for the *New Yorker* for twenty years and a contributing editor of *Golf Digest* for almost as long. Author of more than a dozen books, his latest is *Green Metropolis*, making the case that the greenest place in the United States is New York City. He was recently shot in the stomach with a .38 caliber revolver while writing for the *New Yorker* about a guy who makes fashionable, bulletproof clothing.

Faith & Howard Drucker hosting Anthea Disney & Peter Howe

Faith and Howard's life together began as high school sweethearts. In New York they pursued careers and raised their children – Faith taught, managed businesses and, twenty-five years ago founded Creative Correspondence, a custom stationery and invitation company that she calls "the happiest of businesses." Howard practiced real estate law and property management. Faith spends her time in Washington in the garden, on the golf course, but mostly with her grandchildren, family and friends. Howard is an avid, lousy golfer.

Anthea Disney retired as Director of Content for News Corporation after twenty years of service. Her boss, Rupert Murdoch, hailed her creative instincts, business acumen, impeccable judgment and taste. Anthea recently co-founded the Litchfield County-based Women's

Enterprise Initiative, bringing together seasoned female corporate executives with aspiring young women to help fund new business ideas. She serves on the boards of Danbury and New Milford Hospitals. Peter Howe is a former *New York Times Magazine* and *Life* magazine picture editor, and the author of *Paparazzi: Our Obsession with Celebrity*, and *Shooting Under Fire: The World of the War Photographer*. He now spends his time dreaming up stories for nine-year-olds (*Waggit's Tale*, *Waggit Again*, and *Waggit Forever*), taking his Samoyed therapy dog to visit kids suffering from cancer, and cooking up Moroccan food for his friends.

Christina & Peter Klemm hosting Ann Leary

Christina and Peter Klemm live in Washington with their daughters, Natalie (3) and Victoria (9 months). They are actively involved in the community and work in their family real estate business. Although work is a passion, they also enjoy travel, tennis, golf, and most importantly, spending time with family and friends.

Ann Leary is the author of the memoir *An Innocent, a Broad* about giving birth to her son Jack while on a week-long comedy tour in London, and the novel *Outtakes from a Marriage*. She is also a co-host of the weekly NPR radio show *Hash Hags* and is a recently certified EMT. She and her husband Denis Leary live in Roxbury with their two children, three horses and four dogs.

Wendy & Bill Luers hosting Pete & Molly Gurney

William Luers is president of the United Nations Association of the USA. He was president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, US Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Venezuela and held numerous posts in Italy, Germany, the Soviet Union, and in the Department of State, where he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and for Inter-American Affairs. Wendy W. Luers is the founder and President of the Foundation for a Civil Society and co-founder of The Project on Justice in Times of Transition. She was a Presidential appointee to the National Council of the Arts, and the board of the National Endowment for the Arts. She is founder and President of the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Woman's Foreign Policy Group.

Playwright and novelist Pete Gurney modestly allows that he has won a fair amount of awards during his career and is now a member of the Theatre Hall of Fame and of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Early indications of his theatrical bent were apparent in school productions: the school was Williams College and his undergraduate collaborator was Stephen Sondheim, an auspicious beginning. Pete and Molly have been married for more than fifty years, with a body of work that includes four children, eight grandchildren and over fifty plays, musicals and novels.

Linda & Arthur Carter hosting Dani Shapiro

Linda and Arthur Carter have been Roxbury residents since 1980, when they acquired Judd's Bridge Farm. Arthur's career in journalism began with the founding of the *Litchfield County Times*, followed by the *New York Observer*, and his life as a sculptor emerged from his interest in the graphic design of his publications. In 2009, art publisher Harry N. Abrams published *Arthur Carter: Sculptures, Paintings, and Drawings*. Linda Carter, Ph.D, is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine and also directs the Family Studies Program, which she founded at the NYU Child Study Center. Linda maintains an active practice working with couples and families in psychotherapy. The Carters have 6 children and 11 grandchildren.

Bestselling memoirist and novelist Dani Shapiro published her first book at the tender age of 27—propelling her from someone who had worried her parents over what she would do with her life to being a precocious, overnight success story. Seven books later, Dani spends her time teaching, writing essays and journalism for the *New Yorker* and the *New York Times Book Review*; traveling as a Contributing Editor for *Travel + Leisure*, mothering her eleven-year-old son, and along with her husband, journalist-turned-screenwriter Michael Maren, directing Sirenland, a writers conference in Positano, Italy. She's happiest, however, in her home in Bethlehem, curled up in yoga clothes with her Labradoodle and Norwich Terrier, writing.

Susan McCone & Robert Wessely hosting Brooke Hayward

Susan McCone and Robert Wessely are long-time residents of this corner of Connecticut, and entertaining friends is one of their greatest pleasures. Robert claims to be just one of New York's "10 million boring lawyers" which is simply untrue. As a partner in a prominent British law firm, he has an established international practice, but his real love is the theater, especially

opera and ballet. Susan is in the midst of her fourth career, with previous incarnations as a Wall Street litigator, a highly-regarded Madison Avenue fashion designer, and as a close aide to Vice President Hubert Humphrey, before settling into her current position as Priest-in-Charge of St. John's Episcopal Church where she exercises her love of preaching, cooking, and community outreach. Susan and Robert have recently taken up residence in St. John's 1750 Rectory where they look forward to welcoming you to dinner.

Brooke Hayward Duchin is a long-time Washington resident who perfectly embodies the notion of a grand raconteur. Her best-selling autobiography, *Haywire*, has just been reissued. Brooke has also published wonderful impressions of her travels and marvelous parties (she is an accomplished cook) and frustrates her friends by not writing more. Her family connections stretch across the Atlantic to include the literati and glitterati in turn-of-the-last-century European and New York high society. Her modeling and acting experiences in the Hollywood of the '60s, when she was married to Dennis Hopper, personify much of the excitement and turmoil of that era.

Sue & Nick Vasileff hosting Margaret Roach

Sue and Nick Vasileff grew up in Greenwich. Nick is a landscape architect whose commissions included many famous residences in Fairfield, Westchester, and Litchfield Counties, as well as The New York World's Fair. Sue was a Senior Horse Show Judge, officiating across the U.S. and Canada. In addition to her own illustrious show career, which includes numerous regional and national championships, Sue trained children and adults for the show ring for over forty years. Sue and Nick moved to Roxbury fifteen years ago in search of a kinder, gentler life. And find it they did, staying busy and enjoying their retirement.

Margaret Roach knows how to use words to create concepts that effectively reach women online and offline. She conceives, develops and executes; she is an expert in packaging content and making it resonate, in creating brands from such content, and keeping them true to themselves and their customers. Ample testament will be found at the *New York Times*, *Women's Sports Magazine*, *Newsday*, and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia where she retired as Editorial Director. Her book *A Way to Garden* and her blog, *Awaytogarden.com*, narrate her personal journey. The success of her most recent book *And I Shall Have Some Peace There*, has ironically become the latest challenge to her quest for serenity, which, presumably, she will resume after her dinner with the Vasileffs.

Isabel & Winston Fowlkes hosting Jane Garney

Isabel and Winston Fowlkes have enjoyed time in Washington over several decades and now, to the delight of their many friends here, call it home. They both give generously of their time and talents to numerous worthwhile causes, and their elegantly mature gardens and gracious table will enchant Library Luminary guests.

Jane Garney is a noted garden writer and a contributor to the *New York Times*, *Food & Wine*, and *Garden Design*. Born in England, she is the author of *Great British Cooking: A Well-Kept Secret*, *Great New British Cooking*, and *The Writer in the Garden*. Her latest book is the beautifully illustrated *Private Gardens of Connecticut* that, not coincidentally, features the grounds of her Library Luminaries hosts. Jane is also an independent television and audio producer at work on a series on the arts for children.

Christine Ohlman & Rebel Montez hosted by Susan Bishop-Wrabel & Gene Wrabel, Cynthia Oneglia & Dan Whalen, Susan & Craig Schoon, Chris & Marlene Smith, and Bill Fore & Joe Loose

A departure from the traditional Library Luminary format, this event is so big it took five host couples to pull it off. For more than a decade Christine has been the lead vocalist for the *Saturday Night Live* house band. She and her own band Rebel Montez have six disks to their credit and she has performed in countless benefit and tribute concerts with the royalty of rock and soul music over more than 30 years. Christine Ohlman is the real deal. The trademark platinum beehive hairdo, the dark glasses and big jewelry are not mere costume. When Christine takes the stage with her inimitable mix of rock 'n' roll, gritty country soul and Chicago blues spiked with a shot of Bo Diddley, the results are electrifying. The subject is love, and if your heart is beating, your hips will be shaking. A pig-roast with all the trimmings will precede two fifty-minute sets. Come hungry and wear your dancing shoes!